

# Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2015.

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Barbara Inman), Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Michael Clark, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Philip Dennis, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Di Hewitt, Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Mrs Kathryn Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Stephen Parry, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Rachael Proud, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Tracey Stott, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn, Cllr Bill Woodhead and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

**Officers:** N Schneider (CE); D E Bond, M Waggott, N Hart, M Henderson, P K Bell (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Invited guests and dignitaries.

**Apologies:** Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr David Rose, Cllr Andrew Stephenson and Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

## **C Evacuation Procedures**

**1/15**

The Chief Executive advised all present of the premises evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency.

## **C Civic Welcome**

**2/15**

The Worshipful the Mayor addressed the meeting by way of civic welcome.

## **C Former Councillor Eileen Craggs**

**3/15**

Members stood in a minute's silence as a mark of respect for former Councillor Eileen Craggs.

## **C Mayor's Civic Awards Scheme**

**4/15**

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the achievements of individuals and organisations that had been successfully nominated for a Mayor's Civic Award Scheme.

This was the 4th year of the Awards scheme and new categories of both a Business Award and Health & Wellbeing Award had been added, thereby increasing recognition for the contribution nominees within those categories had made to the community.

The winners had been invited to the meeting and it was the Worshipful the Mayor's great pleasure to present each in turn with a certificate and memento as a thank you for their achievements.

-Young Persons Award

The winner of The Young Persons Award went to Young Carers Aloud who won the award for the second time. They were a committed group of young people who worked hard to raise awareness of young carers, and the issues they

faced, with teachers, social workers and other professionals. They also campaigned innovatively to make sure young carers were listened to and included in decision making about their families' care and support. As well as their caring roles at home, young people all volunteered their time on a weekly basis to the group.

Representatives from the group were in attendance at the meeting to receive their award.

#### - The Services to the Community Award-Individuals

The next award was for Services to the Community Award for individuals. The Worshipful the Mayor was delighted to present this award to Reverend Derek Rosamond, vicar of Saint Paul's Church Newtown, Stockton. As well as being an active member of the Stockton Deanery and Stockton Methodist Circuit he served the Borough as a Community Priest representing both Anglican and Methodist denominations on many boards and committees. He was actively involved with many local organisations such as 'Bridge House' and 'A Way Out' and chaired Stockton Town Pastors and the Love Stockton steering group. During the past decade Reverend Rosamond, who was due to retire later in 2015, had worked tirelessly to improve the wellbeing and safety of people in Stockton Borough.

Reverend Derek Rosamond was in attendance at the meeting to receive his award.

#### - The Services to the Community Award-Organisations

The next award was for Services to the Community Award for organisations and was presented to the team and volunteers behind the Shri Guru Nanak Gurdwara and Sikh Community Centre. The Centre was open to all residents and offered shelter and food to anyone in need. It provided a wide range of services to the community such as free Punjabi classes, a free kitchen service for homeless and vulnerable people and a weekend crèche to help parents and carers access the centre's services. It also provided respite care for children and young people with complex needs.

Members of the Thornaby Sikh Centre were in attendance at the meeting to receive the award.

#### -Services to Community Award-Businesses

The next award was presented to Stockton resident Joanna Wake for her efforts to champion Stockton Borough businesses and promote Stockton Town Centre. Joanna ran RAW Digital Training, an independent business based in Stockton Town Centre and employed four people. Through her involvement with Stockton's Town Team, which she chaired, she had been a vociferous and positive advocate for Stockton and worked hard to engage Durham University students, bring in visitors, promote businesses and independent traders.

Joanna was in attendance at the meeting to receive her award.

#### -Health & Wellbeing Award

The Panel could not separate the two nominations for Health & Wellbeing Award and therefore agreed to have joint winners.

The first was for Glen Johnstone who was the lead volunteer at Our Place Stockton, an out of hours support group for adults. He had worked passionately to help people in the Borough with long term and acute mental health problems, physical and learning disabilities and those facing social exclusion. Those who attended Our Place Stockton said Glen was inspirational and had helped build their confidence and boost their wellbeing.

The other joint winner was Jean Cliff who ran the Yarm Association for the Widowed. This vital support group provided a place for widowed people to come together for support and advice. The group ran outings, coffee mornings and exercise sessions, and IT classes to help widowed people tackle feelings of isolation through friendship. A widow herself Jean was committed to helping those dealing with grief overcome their loneliness.

Jean and Glen were in attendance at the meeting to collect their awards.

#### -Green Award

This award was presented to David Saddington and was in recognition for his work globally, nationally and locally to tackle climate change. From a young age, and he was still quite young now, David had been interested in the environment, inspiring other young people at his school and sixth form to get involved. In recent years he had influenced UK government policy, established his own eco social enterprise and fronted a media campaign that reached more than three million people.

David was in attendance at the meeting to collect his award.

#### -Carer / Foster Carer Award

Last but not least was the Carer / Foster Carer Award which was presented to Angela Stackhouse for being an excellent foster care ambassador. Angela and her husband, John, provided a much needed loving and supportive environment to the children in their care. Angela had high expectations and had been praised for her determination to see the children aspire to be their best. Her work to help the children in her care remain in contact with their birth families was also acknowledged as being excellent.

Angela was in attendance at the meeting to collect her award.

### **C**      **Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor** **5/15**

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor presented a silver salver to the retiring Deputy Mayor for his services during 2014/15.

### **C**      **Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year** **6/15**      **2015/2016**

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Mrs Corr, that Councillor

Dalgarno be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dalgarno be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**C  
7/15**      **Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Dalgarno, returned thanks for his appointment and addressed the meeting regarding his ambitions for the year ahead.

**C  
8/15**      **Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor and Mayor's Consort**

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Johnson, that a vote of thanks be extended to the retired Mayor and Mayor's Consort for the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties during the term of office.

RESOLVED that thanks be extended to the retired Mayor for the admirable way in which she had discharged her duties during her term of office.

**C  
9/15**      **Presentation of Commemorative Album and Medallions to the Retired Mayor and Mayor's Consort**

The Worshipful the Mayor presented the Retired Mayor and Mayor's Consort with a Medallion. The Retired Mayor was also presented with a Commemorative Album.

**C  
10/15**      **Address by the Retired Mayor**

The retired Mayor addressed the meeting to reflect on her year in office and the charities she had supported.

**C  
11/15**      **Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2015/2016**

Moved by Councillor Harrington, seconded by Councillor Patterson, that Councillor Dixon be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dixon be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

**C  
12/15**      **Return of Thanks for Appointment by Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for his appointment.

**C  
13/15**      **Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

Floral arrangements were presented to the Deputy Mayoress, retired Mayor and the Mayoress.

**C**            **Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain**  
**14/15**

The Mayor's Chaplain Reverend Canon Alan Farish presented a copy of the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor.

**C**            **Meetings of Council**  
**15/15**

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held at 7.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year 2015/2016 on the following dates:-

22nd July 2015  
16th September 2015  
21st October 2015  
25th November 2015  
20th January 2016  
24th February 2016 (Special)  
9th March 2016  
30th March 2016 at 4.30 pm (Special)  
6th April 2016 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

**C**            **Appointment of Leader of the Council 2015 – 2019**  
**16/15**

Councillor Johnson moved and Councillor Mrs O'Donnell seconded that Councillor Cook be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Years 2015-19.

RESOLVED that Councillor Cook be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Years 2015-19.

**C**            **Return of thanks for Appointment by the Leader of the Council and**  
**17/15**        **Announcement of the Cabinet for 2015 - 2019**

The Leader of the Council returned thanks for his appointment.

The Leader of the Council had distributed a copy of his Annual Report that detailed the achievements of the Council during 2014/15.

The Leader of the Council outlined that Members and Officers could be proud of what had been achieved.

The Leader of the Council announced his Cabinet for the Municipal Years 2015 -2016:-

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health - Councillor Beall

The Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture - Councillor Norma Wilburn

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport - Councillor Rose

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People - Councillor Mrs McCoy

The Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety -

Councillor Nelson

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Housing - Councillor Smith

**C  
18/15**     **Appointment of the Committees and Panels for the 2015 - 2019 Municipal Years**

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made to the Committees and Panels for the Municipal Years 2015 - 2019:-

**EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (17)**

Councillors Paul Baker, Derek Brown, Carol Clark, Michael Clark, Chris Clough, Nigel Cooke, Phil Dennis, David Harrington, Mohammed Javed, Eileen Johnson, Jean O'Donnell, Maurice Perry, Tracey Stott, Laura Tunney, Matthew Vickers, Sylvia Walmsley, David Wilburn plus two Diocesan Representative and two Parent Governor Representative when considering education matters.

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE (9)**

Councillors Sonia Bailey, Michael Clark, Evaline Cunningham, Kevin Faulks, Lynn Hall, Stefan Houghton, Mohammed Javed, Mick Moore, Tracey Stott, plus two Parent Governor Representative when considering education matters.

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)**

Councillors Carol Clark, Ian Dalgarno, Elsie Hampton, Dianne Hewitt, Ross Patterson, Lauriane Povey, Rachael Proud, Tracey Stott, Sally Ann Watson, plus two Diocesan Representative and two Parent Governor Representative when considering education matters.

**CRIME AND DISORDER SELECT COMMITTEE (9)**

Councillors Paul Baker, Ken Dixon, Paul Rowling, Norma Stephenson, Matthew Vickers, Sylvia Walmsley, Julia Whitehill, David Wilburn, Barry Woodhouse.

**PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)**

Councillors Kevin Faulks, Lisa Grainge, Dianne Hewitt, Ben Houchen, Stefan Houghton, Barbara Inman, Eileen Johnson, Jean O'Donnell, Sylvia Walmsley

**PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)**

Councillors Sonia Bailey, Derek Brown, Nigel Cooke, Evaline Cunningham, Phil Dennis, Ken Dixon, Maurice Perry, Rachael Proud, Bill Woodhead

**AUDIT COMMITTEE (9)**

Councillors Chris Barlow, Stefan Houghton, Eileen Johnson, Kathryn Nelson, Ross Patterson, Paul Rowling, Mick Stoker, Laura Tunney, Barry Woodhouse

**PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)**

Councillors Helen Atkinson, Gillian Corr, Michael Clark, Phil Dennis, Lynn Hall, Elsie Hampton, Paul Kirton, Stephen Parry, David Rose, Norma Stephenson, Mick Stoker, Sylvia Walmsley, Norma Wilburn, David Wilburn,

#### LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Councillors Derek Brown, Chris Clough, Evaline Cunningham, Phil Dennis, Eileen Johnson, Paul Kirton, Kathryn Nelson, Jean O'Donnell, Stephen Parry, Maurice Perry, Julia Whitehill, Norma Wilburn, David Wilburn, Bill Woodhead

#### HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (6)

Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillors Sonia Bailey, Lynn Hall, David Harrington, Dianne Hewitt

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING JOINT COMMISSIONING GROUP (1)

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

#### ADULTS HEALTH AND WELLBEING JOINT COMMISSIONING GROUP (1)

Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health

#### STANDARDS PANEL (10)

Councillors Paul Baker, Chris Barlow, Chris Clough, Ian Dalgarno, Phil Dennis, Ken Dixon, Ben Houchen, Barbara Inman, Mohammed Javed, Kathryn Nelson

#### STANDARDS (INDEPENDENT PERSONS) APPOINTMENTS PANEL (7)

Councillors Jim Beall, Derek Brown, Julia Cherrett, Bob Cook, Michael Clark, John Gardner, Lynn Hall,

#### EDUCATION SUPPORT PANEL (5)

Councillors Sonia Bailey, Julia Cherrett, Lisa Grainge, Barbara Inman, Maurice Perry,

#### EMPLOYEE APPEALS PANEL (5)

Councillors Sonia Bailey, Gillian Corr, Kathryn Nelson, Paul Rowling, Bill Woodhead

#### APPEALS & COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (7)

Councillors Derek Brown, Evaline Cunningham, Phil Dennis, Elise Hampton, Ross Patterson, Tracey Stott, David Wilburn

#### APPOINTMENT PANELS (HEADS OF SERVICE)

Service Departments

Relevant Cabinet Member and politically balanced comprising 5 members in total. (No appointments necessary at Annual Meeting)

#### Central Support Services

Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Finance and politically balanced, comprising 5 members in total. (No appointments necessary at Annual Meeting)

#### JOINT BODIES

Joint Archives Committee - Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture

Cleveland Emergency Planning - Cabinet Member for Environment & Housing

River Tees Port Health Authority - Councillors Derek Brown, Kevin Faulks, Eileen Johnson, Jean O'Donnell, Maurice Perry

Cleveland Fire Authority - Councillors Gillian Corr, John Gardner, Paul Kirton, Jean O'Donnell, Stephen Parry, Mick Stoker, Bill Woodhead

Cleveland Police & Crime Panel - Councillors Ken Dixon, Norma Stephenson, Matthew Vickers, David Wilburn

Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel - Councillor Jim Beall

Teesside Pension Board - Councillor Barry Woodhouse

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - Chair of Adult Services and Health Select Committee, Councillor Evaline Cunningham, Lynn Hall

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - Chair of Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Tristar Board - Councillor Steve Nelson, Councillor Paul Rowling

#### CONSULTATIVE BODIES

Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership - Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health

Children and Young People's Partnership - Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Commemoration Working Group - Councillors Derek Brown, Julia Cherrett, Eileen Johnson, Jean O'Donnell, Bill Woodhead

Home Safety Association - Councillors Helen Atkinson, Evaline Cunningham, Mohammed Javed, Bill Woodhead

Local Plan Steering Group - Councillors Chris Clough, Bob Cook, Gillian Corr, John Gardner, Elsie Hampton, Mick Moore, Steve Nelson, David Rose, Michael



Smith, Mick Stoker

Local Joint Consultative Panel - Councillors Jim Beall, Derek Brown, Nigel Cooke, Gillian Corr, Phil Dennis, Ben Houchen, Norma Stephenson

Members Advisory Panel - Councillors Helen Atkinson, Ian Dalgarno, Phil Dennis, Lisa Grainge, David Harrington, Eileen Johnson, Jean O'Donnell, Paul Rowling, Norma Stephenson, Laura Tunney, Bill Woodhead, Barry Woodhouse

Schools Workforce Joint Consultative Panel - Councillors Sonia Bailey, Carol Clark, Barbara Inman, Ann McCoy, Ross Patterson, Sally Ann Watson, Julia Whitehill

Schools Forum - Councillor Carol Clark

**C  
19/15**     **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the Municipal Years 2015  
- 19**

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made for the Municipal Years 2015 - 2019:-

Executive Scrutiny Committee - Chair Councillor David Harrington, Vice Chair Councillor Sylvia Walmsley

Adult Services and Health Select Committee - Chair - Councillor Mohammed Javed, Vice Chair - Councillor Michael Clark

Children and Young People Select Committee - Chair - Councillor Carol Clark, Vice Chair - Councillor Tracey Stott

Crime and Disorder Select Committee - Chair - Councillor Paul Baker  
Vice Chair, Councillor David Wilburn

People Select Committee - Chair - Councillor Jean O'Donnell, Vice Chair -  
Councillor Eileen Johnson

Place Select Committee - Chair - Councillor Nigel Cooke, Vice Chair Councillor Derek Brown

Planning Committee - Chair - Councillor Norma Stephenson, Vice Chair -  
Councillor Stephen Parry

Licensing Committee - Chair - Councillor Paul Kirton, Vice Chair - Councillor Kathryn Nelson

Audit Committee - Chair - Councillor Barry Woodhouse, Vice Chair -  
Councillor Chris Barlow

Education Support Panel - Chair - Councillor Barbara Inman, Vice Chair -  
Councillor Sonia Bailey

Employee Appeals Panel - Chair - Councillor Sonia Bailey, Vice Chair Councillor Paul Rowling

Appeals & Complaints Committee - Chair - Councillor David Wilburn, Vice Chair  
- Councillor Tracey Stott

Members Advisory Panel - Chair - Leader of the Council

Health and Wellbeing Board - Chair - Cabinet Member for Adult Services and  
Health, Vice Chair Cabinet Member for Children and Young People  
Standards (Independent Persons) Appointment Panel - Chair - Councillor Cook,  
Vice Chair - Councillor Beall

**C  
20/15**

**Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies 2015 - 2019**

RESOLVED that the under mentioned persons be appointed to the  
organisations concerned as the Council's representatives for the Municipal  
Years 2015 - 2019:-

Agreed Syllabus - Councillor Sonia Bailey, Councillor Evaline Cunningham,  
Councillor Barbara Inman, Councillor Tracey Stott

Association of North East Councils - Leader of the Council and Councillor Jim  
Beall, Councillor Ross Patterson, Councillor Norma Stephenson, Councillor  
David Wilburn

Association of North East Councils Leaders and Elected Mayors Group - Leader  
of the Council

Association of North East Councils Collaborative Procurement Sub Committee -  
Leader of the Council

Central Locality Forum - Councillor Michael Clark, Councillor Lisa Grainge,  
Councillor Dianne Hewitt, Councillor Steve Nelson, Councillor Rachel Proud

Know How North East - Councillor Evaline Cunningham, Councillor Rachel  
Proud

Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee - Councillor Stefan  
Houghton

Durham Tees Valley Airport Board - Leader of the Council

Eastern Locality Forum - Councillor Sonia Bailey, Councillor Paul Rowling,  
Councillor Tracey Stott (Lab)

Elm Tree Community Association - Councillor Lisa Grainge

Emma Simpson Charity - Councillor Lynn Hall

Hartlepool Power Station Community Liaison Committee - Councillor Stephen  
Parry, Councillor Michael Smith, Councillor David Wilburn

Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs Network - Chair of the Health and Wellbeing

## Board

Local Government Association General Assembly - Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Ross Patterson, Councillor David Wilburn

MALAP - Councillor Carol Clark, Councillor Dianne Hewitt, Councillor Barbara Inman

North East Culture Partnership Board - Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture

North East Purchasing Organisation (NEPO) - Leader of the Council

North East Regional Employer's Organisation (NEREO) - Councillor Bob Cook, Councillor Ann McCoy, Councillor Bill Woodhead

North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority - Cabinet Member for the Environment & Housing

Northern Locality Forum - Councillor Barry Woodhouse, Councillor John Gardner

Over 50's Forum - Councillor Derek Brown, Councillor Carol Clark, Councillor Michael Clark, Vacancy, Vacancy

Ropner Trust - Councillor Bob Cook, Councillor Michael Smith, Councillor Bill Woodhead

Safer Stockton Partnership - Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety, Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health

Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education (SACRE) - Councillor Sonia Bailey, Councillor Evaline Cunningham, Councillor Elsie Hampton, Councillor Barbara Inman

Stockton & District Advice & Information Service (SDAIS) - Councillor Dianne Hewitt

Tees Active Management Board - Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture, Councillor Derick Brown

Teesside & District Society for the Blind - Councillor Barry Woodhouse

Western Area Locality Forum - Councillor Phil Dennis, Councillor Elsie Hampton, Councillor Stefan Houghton

## **C 21/15 To agree the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution**

RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be agreed.

**C**      **Councillors' Corporate Parenting Pledge**

**22/15**

The Mayor signed his pledge accepting his role as a Corporate Parent. He reminded all Members of their responsibility as a Corporate Parent and encouraged each of them also to sign the pledge, if they had not already done so.

**C**      **The Mayor will close the Meeting**

**23/15**

The Mayor closed the meeting and invited guests to the civic reception.